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WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For Lower Michigan—Fair; northwest winds, becoming variable.

PARTY NEWSPAPERS.

It is feared by some radical democrats that when the Leader passes out of existence the city will be without an outspoken democrat organ. Radical democrats like radical republicans are prone to class a party newspaper as a mere machine that must be operated in the interest of party and partisans regardless of decency and right. The latter-day newspaper is not so strongly committed to politics that it will ignore justice, common sense and patriotism to do the bidding of wildly unreasonable politicians. The Leader has been a conspicuous type of the vigorous democrat newspaper. It has defended democratic men and measures from a conviction of right. In the heat of excitement it has taken extreme grounds and in common with its contemporaries has now and again exaggerated the importance of party incidents to score a point, but it has always been generous, fair and candid. For this reason it is a matter for regret to its republican contemporaries, at least to THE HERALD, that it is to retire from the field. The democrats will not be without an organ. Perhaps it will not be as rampant and hide-bound as the radical ones would wish for, but it will continue in a conservative way to represent the defeated and disgraced democracy of this city and county. Its policy may be criticised as weak and vacillating, and it may excite the contempt of the radicals in both parties, but so long as it continues to subscribe in a general way to democratic doctrine it will be a party organ. Nor should radical partisans believe for a moment that a newspaper's existence depends upon political support. From a financial point of view the political policy of a paper does not regulate and determine its resources. A few disgruntled politicians may order their papers stopped as a punishment for fancied political lake warmness, but were they to know that for every one such stop two fair-minded and intelligent subscribers are substituted they would understand better why it is that such action on their part is deemed both childish and silly. A newspaper is a business enterprise, not a political shuttle-cock. It prints the news accompanied by fair and unprejudiced comment. When it fails to do either of these things it is not a newspaper.

DISGRACE OF FRANCE.

To all appearances France has been on the verge of a political revolution for several weeks, but it is true that the "expected never happens" in that country, little but excitement will be the ending. If half that is said of the Panama scandal be true, it is the most gigantic scandal in modern history. There are few public men in the country who are above suspicion. Not the least deplorable feature of the investigation made of the Panama scandal is the disgrace and shame of the venerable Ferdinand de Lesseps. The government is prosecuting the case with a relentlessness which, if continued, must unearth every transaction in which the funds of the canal company were used unlawfully. Already there seems to be no end to the disgraceful disclosures. It is said that the blame for the political crisis rests with President Carnot. He rivals maintain that his ambition to crush opposition led him to open the flood gates, and he had no idea of the ruin and devastation that would follow. De Freycinet is said to have been the chief object of the president's hatred, and the investigation was begun in the hope of striking a death blow at the war minister's ambition. Whether this be true, the fact remains that the government of France is in chaos, and that the safety of the nation depends upon a complete and thorough fumigation of the charges made against the hundreds of public men involved. France will better sacrifice every official in the country than to compromise her national honor. In the midst of the turmoil the monarchists are active; but there is little to be feared from their plots. France's danger does not lie in a triumph of the monarchists, but in the national disgrace that must result from any charitable settlement with the persons implicated in the enormous robbery.

ONLY FOR A REEF.

There is a faint suspicion abroad that the democrats will call an extra session of congress next spring to carry out the "shift" made at the late election. It is reported that Jim Dickinson called on Speaker Clegg, for the purpose, among other things, of obtaining his assurance that if an extra session should be called it will be brief. The plan proposed is to organize the house, appoint the ways and means committee and then adjourn over until December. During the long summer recess the ways and means committee will sit in session to organize congress again by the time congress convenes again in the fall.

DAVID UNSEATED.

Michael Davitt has been ousted from his seat in the British Commons and declared to be ineligible to a re-election. He is one of the strongest and most obstinate champions of the Irish cause, whether fighting as a land-leaguer or as a politician. In early youth he was thrown with his parents out of a holding in Mayo to gain a livelihood as best they could. With that picture of eviction indelibly stamped on his mind he has ever since been one of the most aggressive and outspoken of the Irish leaders. His life has been a romantic one from his birth. He suffered the loss of a leg when but a child and the idleness thus forced upon him was improved to secure an education. He early joined the Fenian movement and was detected in the attack on Chester Castle. Afterwards he was arrested and sentenced to penal servitude, spending seven years with felons. Upon his release he visited America and returning to Ireland took an active part in organizing the Land League. When the Parnell division came he affiliated with the opposition to the great leader and figured in several blackthorn fights on the hustings in Ireland. In the late elections he was elected in the North Meath borough over a Parnellite, P. Mahoney, by a majority of 403, but his election was contested on the ground of undue influence, and the contest is sustained. Davitt will not retire to private life, but will continue to be a central figure in Irish politics despite his disgrace.

WILL SOME FERTILE LAWYER PLEASE DEVISE SOME SCHEME BY WHICH AN EXTRA SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED TO REPEAL THE CONSTITUTION AND APPOINT ITSELF AND THE PRESENT DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION PERPETUAL SUCCESSORS TO THEMSELVES.

Such an absurd proposition would be as the wisdom of Solomon compared with Fred A. Baker's scheme to oust the electors elected at the last election and to supplant them with legislative appointees. He claims to have discovered that the Miner bill can be repealed in a day and that the judgments of two of the highest courts in the land can be nullified by declaring the recent election void. Mr. Baker is the Christopher Columbus of modern state politics.

PORT LEO CHARACTERIZES THE FREE MASONS AS "MALIGNANT SECT."

Were he to visit America and rub up against some of the broad-minded, generous-hearted and noble men who comprise the body of the craft his opinion of the "sect" would undergo a remarkable "transubstantiation."

digested and be ready to report a substitute for the McKinley bill. All this could be accomplished by the appointment of a tariff commission, but such a move would destroy the "bluff." The democrats know well enough that to reduce the volume of revenues is out of the question. The import duties must amount in the aggregate to more than they amount to now. To maintain the present revenues the free article of the McKinley bill must be taxed to recoup for the revenues lost by making the taxed article free. All the free trade the democrats will supply will be through a readjustment of duties and not through a new and independent tariff law. Hence the calling of an extra session will be nothing more than vain show and idle glory. Yet the democrats will establish a desirable precedent, in holding that this may be constitutionally done, under which future congresses may be convened to correct the manifest blunders of their predecessors.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Among the many excellent things Manager Smith has provided for his patrons not one feature surpasses in genuine art the beautiful dancing of the Orlando sisters. Their exquisite grace and bewitching smiles, the Spanish bolero dances are almost, if not quite, classic in execution. With pretty faces and perfect forms their appearance is certainly captivating. The magnificent acrobat work performed by the three Soussant brothers without parallel in the degree of daring displayed. The downward flight of one of them on an ordinary buggy wheel from a chair mounted on top of two tables is a marvelous feat. Two performances today will end the engagement of both of these strong features.

"UNDER THE LION'S PAW."

A play abounding in thrilling situations and remarkable stage mechanism will hold the boards in the Grand all next week. In the third act the stage is covered from wall to wall with a mammoth canvas, and Colonel Boone and Mlle. Carlotta and their performing lions are introduced.

ONE OF THE LEADERS.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD of Sunday was a mammoth fifty-two page paper full of special features and interesting reading matter. It was the largest single paper ever issued in the state outside of Detroit and was a great credit to the publishers. THE HERALD is one of the leaders of the state press and is a publication that Grand Rapids and Western Michigan can well be proud of.—Flint Evening Journal.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD OF SUNDAY.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD of Sunday was the largest paper ever printed in Grand Rapids. Fifty-two pages was the size, each part containing items of interest. It was arranged with taste and the typographical display such as to cause admiration for the skill and ingenuity of THE HERALD staff and workmen.—Fentwater News.

STATE PRESS COSPIRACY.

Authentic rumor has it that in the near future women will wear the hideous, wide hoopskirt. Paris decrees it to increase sales of dress goods, to help mill operators, and to prevent revolution. Two bad that women alone have to bear both economic and social burdens.—Jackson Courier.

A WEST SIDE BUSINESS MAN IS SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMARK THAT THE COUNTRY DOES NOT NEED A FOURTH BELL.

He is correct; but it is through the one that the people expect to reach the other.—Saginaw News.

THOSE WHO HAVE SOUVENIR COINS ARE FELICITATING THEMSELVES THAT THOSE ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 1, WILL BEAR THE FIGURE OF THE NEW YEAR.

"1902" will, if the idea is carried out, be comparatively small.—Grand Haven Tribune.

ANY TIME IS BETTER THAN NO TIME.

Let the city clock be put in order and set according to sun, moon or comet time, as the council may decree.—Bay City Tribune.

HIT AND MISS BRIEVITIES.

In view of recent developments this text is respectfully suggested to Col. Shepard as a very good one for immediate use in the Mail and Express: "I'm no longer water, but use a little wine for my stomach's sake and time often infirmities."—Buffalo Express.

WITH A DRINKING WATER FREED FROM CONTAMINATION, THE ODORS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER A THING OF THE PAST, AND ITS SOOTY COAL SMOKE GREATLY REDUCED IN VOLUME AND INTENSITY, CHICAGO WILL BE A GREATER GOOD SHAPED TO DO ITS PART AS HOST OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.—Philadelphia Press.

SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES IS ENTIRELY OUT OF PLACE ARGUING ETHICS WITH DR. PARKHURST.

It may be Dr. Parkhurst's duty to expound the moral law as a teacher, but it is Mr. Byrnes' duty to execute the civil law as an executive officer, and not to argue.—New York Recorder.

TWO SHIPPS HAVE AT LAST BEEN CONVICTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INFLAMMABLE COMMERCE LAW.

It might be mentioned in the connection, however, that a railroad company was the prosecutor.—Chicago Mail.

PERHAPS SOME OF THE GENTLEMEN WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ROLLING THEIR EYES AND EXTOLLING MR. CLEVELAND'S LAST SPEECH WILL BE KIND ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN JUST WHAT IT MEANT.—Washington Post.

BOSTON HAS INAUGURATED A REFORM IN THE THEATER HAT.

But can we expect there will be no talking through it?—Salt Lake Herald.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

Fogg says that there is only one objection, as far as he is concerned, to riding a trotting horse. The horse's back is always coming up when the rider is going down, and going down when the rider is coming up.—Boston Transcript.

THE CHILDREN SOON LEARN THAT IF THEY WANT A DOLLAR FOR CHRISTMAS THEY MUST ASK THE LORD FOR IT OUT LOUD IN THEIR PRAYERS, SO THEIR MOTHERS WILL HEAR THEM.—Atchison Globe.

IT IS QUOTE NATURAL THAT AN ECONOMICAL YOUNG LADY SHOULD STRAIN A LITTLE IN ORDER TO CONVINCE HER LOVER THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH WASTE ABOUT HER.—Galveston News.

THERE IS A NOTABLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MORE READING AND THINKING. PEOPLE STOP TO THINK, BUT HE WHO THINKS READS.—Philadelphia Times.

THE BEST IDEA OF A SABBATH DAY'S JOURNEY IS OBTAINED WHEN ONE TRIES TO RUN THROUGH A SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.—Birmingham Leader.

IT IS NEVER NECESSARY TO TELL THE MONEY LENDER TO TAKE A LITTLE MORE INTEREST IN HIS BUSINESS.—New Orleans Picayune.

"DON'T YOUR WIFE AFRAID TO DRIVE THAT HORSE?" "NOT AT ALL, IT'S THE PEOPLE WHOSE WHEELS ARE SCARED."—Detroit Tribune.

"NO," SAYS THE SWIFT COMPOSITOR, "WE COULDN'T LET HIM INTO THE UNION. HE WASN'T IN OUR ACT."—Washington Star.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The craze for Zouave and empire effects need not make you feel that you must throw away all your old dresses. The "effects" are carried out in many ways. The Zouave effect, for instance, you can get on any bodice by the use of a ribbon belt. You can buy the belt all ready made, and if "at a bargain," as cheap as you can make them. Others make them their own. Cover a flexible waistband with the ribbon. Select a bone long enough to reach above and below the waist, like the "tassant belts" that used to be worn. Indeed, the present belt is a sort of a skeleton of that belt. Sew a band of ribbon to the bone, then string the ribbon from top and bottom of the bone, on



both sides, at a pretty angle, to this belt piece. See the idea? Where each ribbon is fastened to the bone put a bit of butterfly bow of ribbon. The bone will hardly show at all when the belt is finished, and such a device will transform a low-cut bodice into a bodice. The pleasant bodice can be made charming and the fit given an air and grace by this belt and a ribbon collar, to match in color, that fastens in the back and that has a little bow at the top. The belt will transform a point to about meet the top point of the belt. Do your hair prettily, wear a well cut skirt, and assume an air of confidence, and you are all right. If you have not a well cut skirt, then sit down all the time, and the gift won't show. And if you have not an air of confidence, read a book. In any case, you can't help the bodice being really pretty. FLORENCE.

POOLING THE MAN SHOPPER.

There is nothing more pitiful to the feminine beholder than a man frantically endeavoring to buy a gift for his wife or sweetheart. His intentions are of the best, but his knowledge is so limited that he is sure to get a letter from a woman on palm oil some wretched object on to him if she simply assures him that it is quite the thing. "She is a woman, therefore she ought to know," he argues with himself, and nine times out of ten buys whatever she advises, regardless of color, form or expense.

Now with these trusting and lamb-like creatures roaming about at large at this season it behooves the salespeople to be especially honest and to bring down upon the innocent heads of the unwary the weight of some fair receipt which they discover instead of a modish and elegant present a passe offering that has laid on the shelf unloved since last Christmas.

Some men swagger in with a knowledge of the latest fashions, however, and deceive no one when they ask with a very important air to be conducted to "the cigarettes, please," and on their arrival at the counter where these are sold do not know an cigarette from an dynamite.

From a long and trying period of observation of the ignorance they manifest on a shopping tour we have about come to the conclusion that the only places where a man can be allowed to roam with perfect safety are the florist, the confectionery and the jeweler. The man who goes very far wrong in one of these establishments, and it is much better to buy with an air of certainty articles that are sure to be all right than to get into a dry goods store where they are at the mercy of the girls behind the counter and become the victims of their own incredulity.

All ye men who mean to give gifts, such as are found in the emporiums where feminine toggery does most largely hold forth, be wise, give the money to a woman friend who can select for you the things that are wanted by the women who give thought and wise judgment to the influence of all these things, as well as to those who follow the example of the most elegant people never allow their young daughters to wear even the tiniest bit of jewelry, excepting that privilege for the days of long frocks and the time when the first sweet charm of youth has departed.

To disfigure their hands with rings before that period is, I think, the worst of all, and when, in mistaken kindness, the cupidity of a valet is encouraged by the wearing of two or three tawdry, insignificant little things, I cannot help but long to tell the dear girls how much prettier their hands would be without them! What would I give them? Books and books and books, and I would start for them a collection of tea-spoons and one of lace of which they should have the sole care and responsibility; and all the silver things for their own use, toilet conveniences, which shall make the little personal duties a joy and pleasure, writing paper having the address to make it more individual, and all of these things I would like to give them. The kind of a valet is encouraged by the wearing of two or three tawdry, insignificant little things, I cannot help but long to tell the dear girls how much prettier their hands would be without them! What would I give them? Books and books and books, and I would start for them a collection of tea-spoons and one of lace of which they should have the sole care and responsibility; and all the silver things for their own use, toilet conveniences, which shall make the little personal duties a joy and pleasure, writing paper having the address to make it more individual, and all of these things I would like to give them.

ORANGES.

Rough, brownish oranges are said to carry in their complexion a guarantee of sweetness, the peculiar appearance being due to the fact that the seeds have been selected them for this very quality. This may be true, but it would be hard to find better oranges than some of the smooth skinned, heavy fruited ones that are so well known in the market. The oranges are not so much waste about here as they are in the south. The average man in Florida prefers a very sweet orange, and like Florida because they are sweet. There is a finer flavor, however, in the Mediterranean fruit. For some reason this is very difficult to find in market under the name of Florida oranges. If they only knew it, the Florida growers are hurting their market by sending out, under that name, oranges that are not Florida oranges. For weeks after these oranges appear in the market they are a disappointment to buyers and injure the reputation which Florida oranges gained and can easily keep under suitable conditions.—Hartford Courant.

BIG HATS AND HOOPSKIRTS.

Revise the code of ethical etiquette and let it be revised as much as an offense against good manners for a woman to wear her bonnet in a house as

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

J. L. McCarthy, of Chicago, was a guest at the Norton yesterday. Mr. McCarthy, a well known horseman, was formerly connected with Clark's Horse Review and acted as starter in the races here two years ago. "Grand Rapids can be made one of the best horse towns in the United States," he said. "There is everything here to develop an interest. All that is needed is good business management and the meetings can be made as successful as any. A mistake was made last summer in offering such extravagantly large purses, and making a little effort to secure good entries. I expect to see some wonderful work done on the track next year. I believe the pacers will make two minutes. MacCottie has already gone in 2:04. He did that in a race and was not driven to his full speed. Great things may be expected from Direct. With proper management and working he is the fastest thing on four legs. Flying Jib is another pacer that has wonderful possibilities, and Storm is a whirlwind. It has become an easy matter to make the half in sixty seconds or better. Fifty-nine and even fifty-eight and a half has been made. If they can go that clip for a half, you will see them hold it for a mile before the season of '03 is completed."

"We are putting two large engines in furniture plants here," said D. A. Heikel, the representative of a Milwaukee firm of engine manufacturers, at Sweet's yesterday. "Both of the engines are of 40-horse power. One of them is for the Sign factory and the other is for the New England Furniture company. They were made especially for the factories. The purpose of an engine is to be put to use as a great deal of work is done. An engine for a furniture factory is constructed with no regard for economy in fuel. Power is the object sought. The engine must turn an immense quantity of machinery, but as the fuel consumed does not need to be taken into consideration, the horse power is obtained for comparatively little cost. We manufactured the engine used by the Grand Rapids Electric Light and Power company. That is a 40-horse power condensing engine. Fuel had to be taken into consideration in such an engine, as there was none to waste. In the triple expansion engine the aim is to obtain the greatest horse power possible with the smallest consumption of fuel. To do that necessitates the construction of an extremely costly piece of machinery."

POINTS ABOUT WOMEN.

Robert Peck of Doholonega, Ga., wanted to get married, but his finances were so low that he could not pay the necessary \$1.50. His brother-in-law, who is 35 years old, went out on the public square, mounted a dry goods box, made such a strong appeal that the crowd chipped in the necessary money and Robert and Nancy Jane Higgins were duly married.

The French royalist ladies do not like the idea of having, when invited by the comte and comtesse de Paris on visits of three days to Stowe, in England, to take six dressy dresses with them. Three of the toilets are to be worn in the day, at the rate of three a day and three on the corresponding evenings.

Miss Selena Harris of Frankfort, Ky., has been asked to sit for a picture of Ethel, one of the characters in "Ben Hur." General Lew Wallace met the young lady in Crawfordville, Ind., and was very much impressed with her beauty and loveliness.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

Captain H. C. Wood of the seventy-sixth United States Infantry at Nashville, Tenn., received an interesting letter from Phil Alexander, who captured Wood's sword when the captain was taken prisoner in the Virginia campaign thirty years ago. Mr. Alexander writes that he had intended keeping it as a war trophy, but "as the late elision proves convincingly that there is no north, south, east and west, and we were brought of one common country, I have concluded to return the sword to its proper owner."

William J. Gray of Philadelphia, a clerk in the tax receiver's office, has received through Colonel Alexander one of the congressional medals of honor for gallant service during the late war. He is mentioned as having particularly distinguished himself at Fort Stevens, D. C., July 12, 1864.

Postmaster Field of Philadelphia finds it more difficult to get rid of his office than it is to get it, an experience that has fallen to the lot of few officeholders. He has twice resigned, but each time reconsidered at the urgent request of the postmaster general.

Cornelius McKane, a young negro, who is practicing medicine in Savannah, is said to treat a descendant to the redoubtable King George of Africa and he expects ultimately to have a medical college set up in that country.

Congressman Cheatham of North Carolina, the only negro in the present house, was defeated for re-election and next year will make a lecture tour of the north and west.

Last month for the first time members of the Austrian reichsrath were paid a part of their salaries in gold, and the incident created quite a sensation.

Andrew Lang says there are no living writers who can write good fairy tales, because they don't believe enough in their own stories.

Herr Krupp has, according to recent statistics, the highest declared income in Germany. It is 6,700,000 marks per annum.

Senator Quay is credited with "fixing" the organization of the next Pennsylvania legislature in twenty minutes.

CLEARED UP A MURDER.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Certain facts have come to light which tend to show that Mrs. Harriet A. Bell, who was stabbed to death March 7, 1892, was killed by a sailor, who mistook her for another woman, one of 11 couple, who lived a few doors above and who, with a male companion, had robbed and thrown the drunken sailor into the street early in the morning of the day of the murder. It is supposed the man kept in a doorway near by and wanted to revenge himself for the way he had been treated. Mrs. Bell had been to the bakers and was returning when the man crept up close behind her and entered the doorway with her. The facts about the robbery of the sailor came from the man who participated in it. He was then wanted for highway robbery and did not dare to appear before the police with his story. He is now in state prison.

DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—A special to the American from Nashville, Ga., says Henry Clay Hunter, a well known hunter, was shot and killed at 4 o'clock this morning from a shot wound inflicted by Tom Fatimer, a tenant. He served notice of ejectment on Fatimer yesterday evening, when the latter fired at him, the bullet taking effect in his stomach.

ALLEGED MURDER DEAD.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Edward Cannon, alleged murderer of Martin Ryan, died in his cell in the jail here today after a long illness. He was shot and killed by Ryan in a fight. He was arrested in September, 1899, and later tried and sentenced to be hanged, but was granted a new trial by the supreme court last spring.

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES."

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 23.—Evangelist Edward Best shot at his open window and prayed to the Lord about noon and a story in his hand, with a cross and a small box. He was arrested and fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct. He appealed to the county judge, but his appeal was dismissed today.

WARRANT OUT FOR MCCURT.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Early this morning an affidavit was sworn to by Representative Clegg of the Guarantee company, a South American, charging John C. McCurt, late resident agent of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, with embezzlement of \$48,000, the property of the road.

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Comes sweet music loud and clear,

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COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21 we shall keep open every evening during the rest of the week, that you all may see how our Carvers look in the electric light.

"Quack! Alack! I feel in my wishbone that this is my last home run, for that Imp has bought one of Foster, Stevens & Co.'s Carvers. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that if my end has come, I will not be all hacked up with a dull knife. It must be humiliating to any well brought-up goose to be inartistically carved up, but this must be the inevitable result if a poor knife is used. We have a line of carvers unsurpassable: carvers in ivory, in bone, in wood, in celluloid and in pearl; carvers for breakfast, carvers for dinner, Game Carvers, carvers of every description.

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